

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 880 - SB 1084

March 21, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the Court Fee and Tax Advisory Council. The council will have 10 members, including judges, clerks, and attorneys. The council will meet once per month while the General Assembly is in session, and any other time as set by rules adopted by the council. The council will make recommendations to the General Assembly on any pending legislation that proposes the creation of a litigation tax or fee on any civil or criminal case. Authorizes members to be eligible for reimbursement of expenses, but no other compensation. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) will staff the council.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$24,000

Assumptions:

- It is assumed that the council will meet five times per year—four during legislation session and one later in the year to finalize the annual report. It is assumed that all members of the council will attend each meeting.
- It is assumed that two members will be from Davidson County and will require no reimbursement for travel or lodging. The Director of the AOC will not require reimbursement for travel or lodging. The remaining seven members are assumed to claim expense reimbursement.
- It is assumed that each round-trip mileage is 262 miles at \$0.47 per mile. It is assumed that each of the seven members entitled to reimbursement will receive reimbursement of \$116 per night for lodging. It is assumed that each of the seven members will require one night of lodging per meeting.
- Each meeting will increase state expenditures by \$1,674 $\{[(262 \text{ miles} \times \$0.47) + \$116 \text{ lodging}] \times 7 \text{ members}\}$.
- The cost for five meetings is estimated to be \$8,370 $(\$1,674 \times 5)$.
- The proposed legislation authorizes the AOC to hire staff as is needed to support the council. It is assumed that the AOC will hire one part-time employee to assist the council.
- It is assumed the part-time employee will be compensated at \$30 per hour and will work 520 hours annually for a total of \$15,600 $(520 \text{ hours} \times \$30)$.
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$23,970 $(\$8,370 + \$15,600)$.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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